

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of internet websites, comprising:

a graphical user interface, which includes:

an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with at least

5 one of a plurality of internet websites; and

means for associating each of the array of the web channels with at least one of the plurality of the internet websites.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further includes a web channel guide, in which is the array of the web channels is presented.

3. The system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of web channel buttons, each of which is adapted to be associated with one of the array of the web channels.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein each of the array of the web channels is adapted to be associated with a plurality of the internet websites.

5. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling the user to customize the at least one of the plurality of internet websites associated with each of the array of the web channels.

6. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling the user to navigate among the array of the web channels.

7. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for displaying the graphical user interface.

8. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for identifying the web channel being presented, upon presenting the web channel.

9. The system of claim 1, further comprising means for enabling the associating means to access an internet website selected by the user.

10. The system of claim 1, further comprising a client device, including an internet browser for enabling access to and retrieval of the plurality of the internet websites.

11. The system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of internet websites, comprising:

a graphical user interface, which includes:

an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with at least

5 one of a plurality of internet websites; and

a web channel guide, in which the array of the web channels is presented; and

means for associating each of the array of the web channels with at least one of the plurality of the internet websites.

12. A system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of internet websites, comprising:

a graphical user interface, which includes:

an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with at least

5 one of a plurality of internet websites; and

a plurality of web channel buttons, each of which is adapted to be associated with one of the array of the web channels; and

means for associating each of the array of the web channels with at least one of the plurality of the internet websites.

13. The system of claim 12, wherein each of the plurality of the web channel buttons includes a web channel number, and a web channel title representing the associated internet website.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein each of the plurality of the web channel buttons includes a uniform resource locator representing the associated internet website.

15. The system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of internet websites, comprising:

a graphical user interface, which includes:

an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with a plurality of internet websites; and

means for associating each of the array of the web channels with the plurality of the internet websites.

16. The system of claim 15, further comprising means for enabling the user to navigate among the plurality of the internet websites associated with each of the plurality of the web channels, and to obtain access to each of the plurality of the associated internet websites.

17. The system of claim 15, further comprising means for enabling the displaying of the web channel guide, wherein the displaying enabling means are further adapted to enable the displaying of the plurality of the associated internet websites.

18. The system of claim 15, further comprising a client device, and means for enabling a plurality of the internet websites associated with the plurality of the web channels to be downloaded and stored in the client device.

19. The system of claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of the web channels comprises one of a plurality of the internet websites commonly accessed by the user.

20. The system of claim 15, wherein each of the plurality of the internet websites comprises one of the plurality of the internet websites selected for the user.

21. The system of claim 15, wherein the plurality of the internet websites associated with each of the plurality of the web channels comprises a group of the internet websites categorized for the user based on content.

22. A system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of internet websites, comprising:

a graphical user interface, which includes:

an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with at least
5 one of a plurality of internet websites;

means for associating each of the array of the web channels with at least one of the plurality of the internet websites; and

means for enabling the user to customize the at least one of the plurality of internet websites associated with each of the array of web channels.

23. The system of claim 22, wherein the customization enabling means include a plurality of customizing buttons, each of which is adapted to be associated with one of the array of the web channels.

24. The system of claim 22, wherein the customization enabling means include a plurality of category buttons, adapted to be associated with each of the array of the web channels.

25. The system of claim 22, wherein the customization enabling means include an internet program guide, which is included in and accessible from the graphical user interface.

26. The system of claim 24, wherein the customization enabling means further include a plurality of internet website buttons, which are adapted to be associated with one of the plurality of the category buttons.

27. The system of claim 26, wherein each of the internet website buttons includes an internet website title representing the associated internet website.

28. A system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of internet websites, comprising:

a graphical user interface, which includes:

an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with at least
5 one of a plurality of internet websites;

means for associating each of the array of the web channels with at least one of the plurality of the internet websites; and

means for enabling the user to navigate among the array of the web channels.

29. The system of claim 28, wherein the navigating enabling means comprise a remote control device.

30. The system of claim 28, wherein the navigating enabling means comprise a keyboard which includes function keys for enabling navigating among the web channels.

31. The system of claim 28, wherein the navigating enabling means comprise a mouse device.

32. The system of claim 28, wherein the navigating enabling means include means for enabling the user to move up and down among the web channels.

33. The system of claim 28, wherein the navigating enabling means include means for enabling direct access to a selected one of the web channels.

34. A system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of internet websites, comprising:

a graphical user interface, which includes:

an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with at least
5 one of a plurality of internet websites;

means for associating each of the array of the web channels with at least one of
the plurality of the internet websites; and

means for displaying the graphical user interface.

35. The system of claim 34, wherein the displaying means comprise a display
monitor.

36. The system of claim 34, wherein the displaying means comprise a
television display.

37. A system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality
of internet websites, comprising:

a graphical user interface, which includes:

an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with at least
5 one of a plurality of internet websites;

means for associating each of the array of the web channels with at least one of
the plurality of the internet websites; and

means for identifying the web channel being presented, upon presenting the web
channel.

38. The system of claim 37, wherein the web channel identifying means
comprise a guide strip, adapted to be presented upon presenting the web channel.

39. The system of claim 38, wherein the guide strip is adapted to include a web
channel number, and a web channel title representing the associated web channel.

40. A system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality
of internet websites, comprising:

a graphical user interface, which includes:

an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with at least
5 one of a plurality of internet websites;

means for associating each of the array of web the channels with at least one of
the plurality of the internet websites; and

means for enabling the associating means to access the internet website selected
by the user.

41. The system of claim 40, wherein the access enabling means comprise a
digital cable system.

42. The system of claim 40, wherein the access enabling means comprise a
telephone modem.

43. The system of claim 40, wherein the access enabling means comprise a
digital broadcast satellite system.

44. The system of claim 40, wherein the access enabling means comprise a web
server.

45. A system for enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality
of internet websites, comprising:

a graphical user interface, which includes:

an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with at least
5 one of a plurality of internet websites;

means for associating each of the array of the web channels with at least one of
the plurality of the internet websites;

a client device; and

an internet browser, adapted to enable access to and retrieval of the plurality of
10 the internet websites.

46. The system of claim 45, further comprising means for enabling at least one of the plurality of internet websites to be downloaded and stored in the client device.

47. A method of enabling a user to select among and access one of a plurality of internet websites, in a system which includes a graphical user interface, including an array of web channels, each of which is adapted to be associated with at least one of a plurality of internet websites, and means for associating each of the array of the web
5 channels with at least one of the plurality of the internet websites, wherein the method comprises the steps of:

enabling the displaying of the graphical user interface;

enabling the displaying of the array of the web channels; and

enabling the user to select one of the array of the web channels and to obtain
10 access to one of the plurality of the internet websites.

48. The method of claim 47, wherein the graphical user interface further includes a web channel guide, in which is the array of the web channels is presented, and the web channel display enabling step further comprises enabling the displaying of the web channel guide.

49. The method of claim 47, wherein the system further comprises a plurality of web channel buttons, each of which is adapted to be associated with one of the array of the web channels, and the web channel display enabling step further comprises enabling the displaying of the plurality of the web channel buttons.

50. The method of claim 47, wherein each of the array of the web channels is adapted to be associated with a plurality of the internet websites, and the web channel display enabling step further comprises enabling the selection of one of the plurality of the internet websites associated with each of the array of the web channels.

51. The method of claim 47, wherein the system further comprises means for enabling the user to customize the at least one of the plurality of internet websites

associated with each of the array of the web channels, and the method further comprises the step of enabling the user to customize the at least one of the plurality of internet
5 websites associated with each of the array of the web channels.

52. The method of claim 47, wherein the system further comprises means for enabling the user to navigate among the array of the web channels, and the method further comprises the step of enabling the user to navigate among the array of the web channels.

53. The method of claim 47, wherein the system further comprises means for displaying the graphical user interface, and the method further comprises the step of displaying the graphical user interface.

54. The method of claim 47, wherein the system further comprises means for identifying the web channel being presented upon presenting the web channel, and the method further comprises steps of presenting a web channel and identifying the web channel being presented.

55. The method of claim 47, wherein the system further comprises means for enabling the associating means to access an internet website selected by the user, and the method further comprises the step of enabling the associating means to access an internet website selected by the user.

56. The method of claim 47, wherein the system further comprises a client device, including an internet browser for enabling access to and retrieval of the plurality of the internet websites, and the method further comprises the step of enabling the internet browser to access and retrieve the plurality of the internet websites.